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SUBJECT: CODEL SMITH VISIT TO MOSCOW: VISIT ARRANGEMENT
FOR CONGRESSMAN GEORGE M. O'BRIEN

REF: MOSCOW 00279

DOT RECOGNIZES PROPRIETY OF PROCEDURE DESCRIBED IN REFTL
AS ITS USUAL MODUS OPERANDI IS TO OPERATE THROUGH THE
EMBASSY. BASED ON THIS DOT PRACTICE, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
CLEAR TO EMBASSY THAT THERE WERE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
WHICH PROMPTED EXTRAORDINARY DIRECT CONTACT WITH MINRAIL.
RAMUNDO WAS CONTACTED BY CONGRESSMAN O'BRIEN'S OFFICE (AS
A DOT CONGRESSIONAL RELATION'S REFERRAL) ON NOVEMBER 30,
REPEAT NOVEMBER 30, FOR URGENT ASSISTANCE TO ARRANGE
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SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE CONGRESSMAN DURING A DECEMBER 7,
REPEAT DECEMBER 7, VISIT TO MOSCOW. IN VIEW OF SHORTNESS
OF TIME AND EXCELLENT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RAMUNDO
AND MALASHKO, DECISION WAS MADE TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE
PROGRAM DIRECTLY. THROUGHOUT, DOT WAS LED TO BELIEVE THAT
CONGRESSMAN O'BRIEN WAS TRAVELING ALONE. AFTER TELEX HAD
BEEN SENT, CONGRESSMAN O'BRIEN'S OFFICE ADVISED RAMUNDO

THAT VISIT HAD BEEN POSTPONED TO EARLY JANUARY. RAMUNDO
SENT SECOND TELEX TO MALASHKO NOTING CHANGE AND APOLOGIZING
FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE IN CHANGED DATES. MALASHKO'S

RESPONSE WAS GRACIOUS AND INDICATED READINESS TO ARRANGE
PROGRAM WHENEVER CONGRESSMAN O'BRIEN RESCHEDULED HIS VISIT.
WHEN RAMUNDO RECEIVED WORD OF NEW VISIT DATES, HE ROUTINELY
ADVISED MALASHKO AND EMBASSY. CHRISTOPHER

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